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G-rich Oligo Aptamers and Methods of

Modulating an Immune Response

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following as a preliminary amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

(amended) An aptamer having a length of between about 12 and 22 nucleic acid 1.

units, inclusive, and a sequence which includes at least two G-rich regions selected from the group consisting of GGnG, GGGG, GnGG, nGGG and GGGn, where G is guanidine and n is any nucleotide.

Claim 2, replace "less than seven" with --by two to seven--.

N.E. what?

Claim 7, replace "less than seven" with --by two to seven--.

N.E. What?

Claim 8, replace "less than seven" with --by two to seven--.

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Claim 9, replace "less than seven" with --by two to seven--.

N.E. What 7.

Claim 10, replace "less than seven" with --by two to seven--.

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